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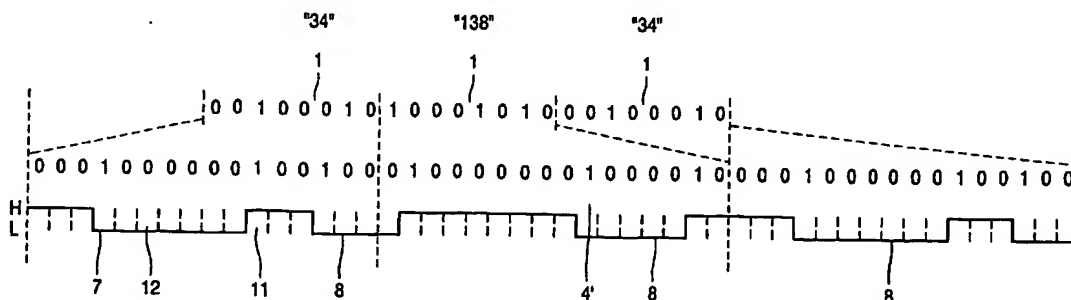
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(57) Abstract: A method of converting m-bit information words to a runlength constrained modulated signal is described. The available code words are distributed over at least one group (G1) of a first type and at least one group (G2) of a second type. The delivery of a code word belonging to the group of the first or second type establishes a coding state of the first type (S1) or one of a number r of coding states (S2, S3) of the second type depending on the current information word. For each information word a subset of code words is available, which subset has at least one disjoint code word for each of the r coding states. The selection from the subset of the code word to be delivered is based the coding state, on dynamically verifying the runlength constraint for the sequence of code words, and on an additional criterion, like the low frequency content of the modulated signal.

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